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COMPLAINT FORM (07/01)

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PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT (COMPLAINANT):

COMPLETE NAME Marilyn Owns Medicine
COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS 4981 Wagon Trl
Stevensville, MT 59870
TELEPHONE NUMBERS: WORK (406) 239-5389 HOME (406) 777-4475

PERSON OR ORGANIZATION AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT (RESPONDENT):

COMPLETE NAME Bitterroot Building Association
COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS 501 North 1st Street
Hamilton, MT 59840
TELEPHONE NUMBERS: WORK (406) 375-9411 HOME _____

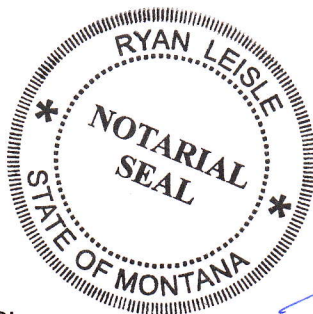
**PLEASE COMPLETE THE SECOND PAGE OF THIS FORM AND DESCRIBE IN
DETAIL THE FACTS OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION.**

VERIFICATION BY OATH OR AFFIRMATION

STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MISSOULA Missoula

I, Marilyn Owns Medicine Marilyn Owns Medicine, being duly sworn, state that the information in this Complaint is complete, true, and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(SEAL)



Marilyn Owns Medicine

Signature of Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of October, 2006 2006.

[Signature]
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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STATEMENT OF FACTS:

Describe in detail the alleged violation(s) and cite the statute or statutes you believe have been violated. Please attach copies of documentary evidence to support the facts alleged in your statement.

If the space provided below is insufficient, you may attach additional pages as necessary.

Please see attached.

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Marilyn Owns Medicine, a resident of Ravalli County, alleges that the Bitterroot Building Association has violated Montana's campaign finance and practices laws as follows:

The Bitterroot Building Association registered with the Commissioner of Political Practices as an "incidental committee". An incidental committee is a political committee that is not specifically organized for the primary purpose of influencing elections but that may incidentally become a political committee by making a contribution or expenditure to support or oppose a candidate and/or issue.

Bitterroot Building Association is not registered with the State as a political action committee. Nevertheless, the Association has published political materials on its web site (page 4, <http://www.bitterrootbuilding.com/newsletter/newsletter.pdf>). This clearly constitutes election materials and does not include the disclosure statement required by Section 13-35-225, MCA. In addition, this political material clearly opposes a ballot item in an attempt to influence an election. The Association is in violation of Montana's campaign finance and practices law.

I hereby request enforcement of the reporting requirements as set forth in 13-37-128.

I further request that the Commissioner notify the County Attorney of this violation for immediate investigation.

I believe the Commissioner should issue an order requiring Bitterroot Building Association to immediately cease disseminating political materials since they are not properly registered with the Commissioner of Political Practices.

Building for the future

Greetings,

by Paul Wilson, BBA President



As you know, the BBA has launched a public awareness campaign to inform the residents of Ravalli County about the negative impact that a specific ballot issue will have on the entire building industry. The ballot issue would limit only one residence per two acres in unincorporated areas of Ravalli County. The Board of Directors has reviewed this ballot issue and spent a great deal of time investigating the outcome of how this valley would be effected if this measure passes in November. The general consensus of the board is that this is not only bad for our industry but also bad for our valley's landscape and the valley economy as a whole. We feel this ballot measure has far reaching negative ramifications for our industry and it is important that this ballot measure is defeated, and it can only be defeated at the polls. It is also important that we get someone in favor of our industry elected to our state and local government positions. We want to make our membership aware that there is a real need to vote to protect our industry and our businesses at the election on November 7. If you are not registered to vote, please call the BBA office and Karen will provide you with a voter registration card. The last day to register is October 9, so make that call today and get registered!

Some of the negative aspects of the ballot measure:

- It will increase the cost of housing by creating lot sizes that are unaffordable to lower or average income families.
- The interim zoning takes away the voice of the people because it can be renewed or extended at the will of our county commissioners
- A density of one dwelling unit per two acres is not wise land use because it consumes so much land. This will effectively ruin any chance of creating open space in developments.
- There will be less houses being built and contractors will see a lower volume of work available to them.

This measure negatively effects everyone who is in the building industry, from excavating and drilling companies to title companies.

So get registered &

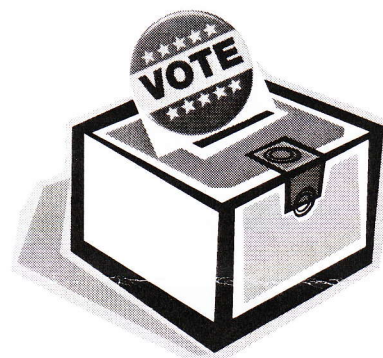


*Remember, the world is run
by those who show up!*

Paul

SAVE THE DATE!

BBA's fifth annual Home Expo coming to Ravalli County Fairgrounds on **Saturday, February 24, 2007**. Eighty-five booths available. More information coming in the October Newsletter!



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